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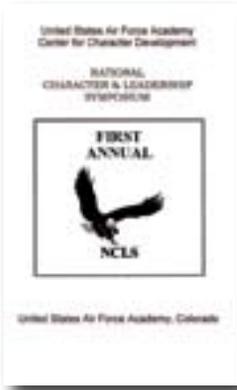
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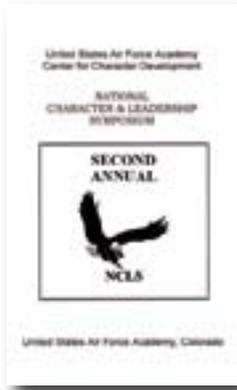


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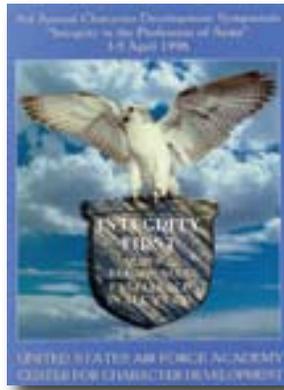
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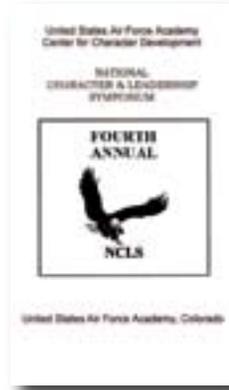
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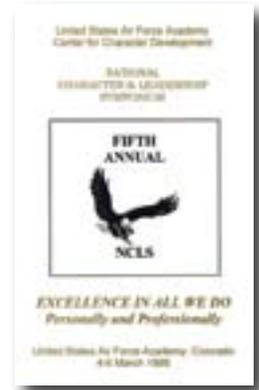
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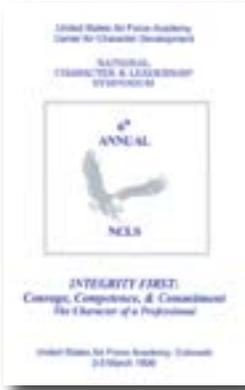
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Fourth Annual
Service Before Self



Fifth Annual
Excellence in All We Do:
Personally and Professionally



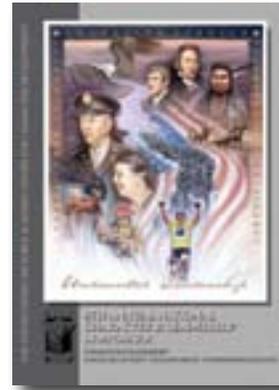
Sixth Annual
Integrity First:
Courage, Competence,
& Commitment



Seventh Annual
Service Before Self:
Heroes, Hymns and
Hardiness
Artwork by Chris Hureau



Eighth Annual
Integrity First: Recollection,
Inspiration & Aspiration
Artwork by Chris Hureau



Ninth Annual
Undaunted Leadership:
Unassailable Integrity,
Increasing Service,
Uncompromising Excellence
Artwork by Chris Hureau



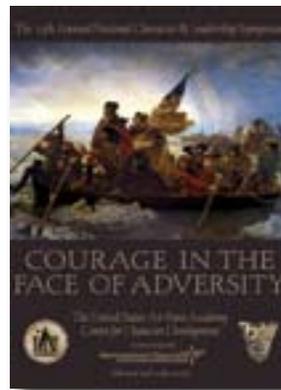
Tenth Annual
Moral Courage and Servant
Leadership in Modern Times
Artwork by Chris Hureau



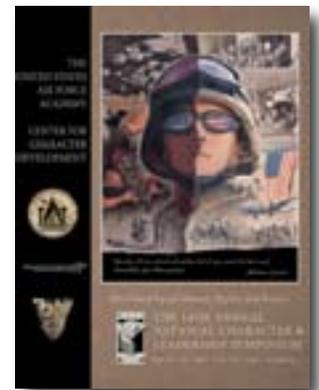
Eleventh Annual
Teamwork: Working Together to
Achieve Excellence
Artwork by Chris Hureau



Twelfth Annual
Leading Positive Change: Raising the
Standard of Excellence
Artwork by Chris Hureau



Thirteenth Annual
Courage in the Face of Adversity



Fourteenth Annual
All Created Equal—
Human Dignity & Respect
Artwork by Chris Hureau

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Quick-Reference Schedule

Speaker/Event	Day	Time	Venue
Bias	Fri	8:30am	F-1
	Sat	8:00am	H-2
Clark	Fri	12:15pm	AH
	Thu	10:30am	L-8
Coonrod	Fri	9:30am	D-2
	Sat	9:15am	H-1
	Sat	8:00am	L-6
Curry	Sat	9:15am	L-6
	Sat	10:30am	L-6
	Fri	10:30am	L-10
Dugosh	Sat	9:15am	L-8
	Sat	10:30am	L-8
	Fri	1:30pm	Banquet Rm
Faculty Consortium	Fri	1:30pm	Banquet Rm
	Thu	10:30am	L-10
	Fri	10:30am	L-4
Fucci	Sat	9:15am	L-4
	Thu	12:15pm	F-1
	Sat	8:00am	L-2
Gardner	Sat	10:30am	L-2
	Thu	9:30am	L-10
	Fri	9:30am	L-10
Glass	Sat	9:15am	D-1
	Sat	10:30am	D-1
	Thu	9:30am	H-2
	Fri	9:30am	H-2
Greenberg & Lump	Sat	8:00am	D-2
	Sat	10:30am	D-2
	Thu	10:30am	F-1
	Fri	12:15pm	F-1
Gutwein	Sat	10:30am	H-2
	Thu	9:30am	L-4
	Thu	10:30am	L-4
Hartman	Fri	9:30am	L-4
	Sat	10:30am	AH
	Thu	9:30am	L-8
Josephson	Fri	9:30am	L-8
	Sat	8:00am	L-8
	Thu	10:30am	L-2
Kiger	Fri	9:30am	L-2
	Sat	9:15am	L-2
	Thu	7:10pm	F-1
Koonce	Fri	10:30am	H-1
	Fri	10:30am	D-1
	Fri	10:30am	D-2
May	Sat	8:00am	H-1
	Thu	10:30am	H-2
	Fri	10:30am	H-2
McKnight	Sat	9:15am	D-2
	Sat	8:00am	AH
	Sat	10:30am	F-1
Mirandette	Thu	10:30am	D-2
	Fri	10:30am	L-8
	Sat	9:15am	H-2
Mortenson	Sat	8:00am	AH
	Thu	10:30am	D-2
	Fri	10:30am	L-8
Murray	Sat	9:15am	H-2
	Sat	10:30am	L-4

Speaker/Event	Day	Time	Venue
Nadeem	Thu	9:30am	L-2
	Fri	9:30am	H-1
	Sat	8:00am	L-4
Opening Ceremony	Thu	8:30am	F-1
	Wed	12:35pm	AH
	Thu	9:30am	D-2
Project Compassion	Fri	10:30am	L-6
	Sat	8:00am	F-1
	Sat	11:45am	Ballroom
Rokke	Sat	9:15am	AH
Sanborn	Thu	12:15pm	AH
Schiller	Thu	9:30am	D-1
Shulman	Fri	10:30am	D-1
Skelton	Thu	10:30am	L-6
	Fri	10:30am	L-2
	Sat	10:30am	L-10
Small Group Time	Thu	1:30pm	Ballroom
	Wed	1:30pm	Ballroom
	Thu	1:30pm	Ballroom
Speaker Receptions	Thu	8:00pm	Ballroom
	Fri	1:30pm	Ballroom
	Thu	10:30am	H-1
Sports Panel	Fri	1:30pm	Ballroom
Student Consortium	Thu	9:30am	F-1
Swarner	Fri	10:30am	F-1
	Sat	10:30am	H-1
	Thu	9:30am	H-1
Ulmer	Fri	9:30am	D-1
	Sat	8:00am	D-1
	Thu	7:10pm	AH
Wamp	Fri	9:30am	F-1
	Sat	9:15am	F-1
	Thu	9:30am	L-6
Weeks	Fri	9:30am	L-6
	Sat	8:00am	L-10
	Sat	9:15am	L-10

AH=Arnold Hall Theater

Ballroom and Banquet Room are located in Arnold Hall

Master Schedule

Keynote

		Location										
		Arnold Hall Theater	F-1	H-1	H-2	D-1	D-2	L-2	L-4	L-6	L-8	L-10
Wed Feb 20	12 ³⁵ -1 ¹⁵	Project Compassion										
	1 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰	Arnold Hall Ballroom: Speaker Reception										
Thurs Feb 21	8 ³⁰ -9 ²⁰	Opening Ceremony										
	9 ³⁰ -10 ²⁰	Swarner	Ulmer	Groves	Shulman	Project Compassion	Nadeem	Hartman	White	Kiger	Greenberg & Lumpp	
	10 ³⁰ -11 ²⁰	Gutwein	Sports Panel	Mirandette	McKnight	Murray	Koonce	Hartman	Skelton	Coonrod	Fucci	
	11 ³⁵ -12 ⁰⁰	Mitchell Hall: Lunch										
	12 ¹⁵ -1 ¹⁵	Schiller	Gardner									
	1 ³⁰ -2 ²⁰	Arnold Hall Ballroom: Student Small Group Discussions / Speaker Reception										
	2 ⁰⁰ -3 ³⁰	USAFA Tour										
	5 ⁰⁰	Arnold Hall Ballroom: Symposium Dinner										
	7 ¹⁰	Wamp	May									
	8 ⁰⁰	Arnold Hall Ballroom: Speaker Reception										
Fri Feb 22	8 ³⁰ -9 ²⁰	Bias										
	9 ³⁰ -10 ²⁰	Weeks	Nadeem	Groves	Ulmer	Coonrod	Koonce	Hartman	White	Kiger	Greenberg & Lumpp	
	10 ³⁰ -11 ²⁰	Swarner	May	Mirandette	Shulman	McKnight	Skelton	Fucci	Project Compassion	Murray	Dugosh	
	11 ³⁵ -12 ⁰⁰	Mitchell Hall: Lunch										
	12 ¹⁵ -1 ¹⁵	Clark	Gutwein									
	1 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰	Arnold Hall Ballroom: Speaker Reception										
	1 ³⁰ -3 ²⁰	Student Consortium: Arnold Hall Ballroom / Faculty Consortium—Arnold Hall Banquet Room										
	3 ³⁰ -5 ⁰⁰	USAFA Tour										
6 ⁰⁰	Falcon Club: Visiting Faculty and Speaker Dinner / Free Time: Dinner—Visiting Students											
7 ⁰⁰	Falcon Club: "Thank Goodness It's Character" for Speakers and Visiting Faculty—Optional											
Sat Feb 23	8 ⁰⁰ -8 ⁵⁰	Mortenson	Project Compassion	McKnight	Bias	Ulmer	Groves	Glass	Nadeem	Curry	Kiger	White
	9 ¹⁵ -10 ⁰⁵	Sanborn	Weeks	Coonrod	Murray	Greenberg & Lumpp	Mirandette	Koonce	Fucci	Curry	Dugosh	White
	10 ³⁰ -11 ²⁰	Josephson	Mortenson	Swarner	Gutwein	Greenberg & Lumpp	Groves	Glass	Murray	Curry	Dugosh	Skelton
	11 ⁴⁵	Arnold Hall Ballroom: Closing Luncheon										
Sun Feb 24	6 ¹⁵ -6 ⁰⁰	Ski Outing - Optional (Meet at Core Values Ramp and Rampart Lodge)										

Wednesday, February 20

12:35 pm

Arnold Hall Theater

Kickoff to the Cadet Wing and Special Tribute to SPC Dane Balcon

Afternoon Keynote

Project Compassion: Kaziah Hancock, Founding Artist; **Marie Woolf**, Chairman, CEO, and Executive Director; **Richard Cupp**, Director

“For Their Families: An Heirloom Legacy of Courage”

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1:30 pm

Arnold Hall Ballroom

Speaker Reception

8:30 am

F-1

United States Air Force Academy Band Performance

Opening Ceremony

Masters of Ceremony: C1C Maria Brooks, C1C Derek Haun, & C1C Remington Barnes

9:30 am

F-1

Morning Keynote: Susan Wanggaard Community and Citizenship Lecture

Sean Swarner

Motivational Speaker and Founding Member of The CancerClimber Association

“Keep Climbing: Climb Your Personal Everest”

After traversing crevasses thousands of feet deep, surviving hurricane-force winds and losing a fellow climber along the way, Sean is the first cancer survivor to summit Mt. Everest. Complete with a dynamic audiovisual presentation capturing the essence of Everest, Sean will take you through a journey of life’s tragedies and excitement with a relentless attitude. With the addition of completion of the 7-Summits, you will leave with a better appreciation for the fragility of life and a resilient attitude to conquer anything.

H-1

Kristen Ulmer

The Best Woman Extreme Skier in the World for 12 Years in a Row; Facilitates the Intersection of Zen Wisdom and Adventure

“The Zen of Global Community—Understanding Your Self First”

Who and what are we, as human beings? What are we here to learn, on earth? What, for that matter, did our faces look like before our parents were born? As individual selves, we think and know we exist as individual droplets of water, separated by skin and space, but is it possible we are so much more?

H-2

Major John “Marshall” Groves

MH-53 Pilot, Air Force Special Operations Command

“Mongoose 33 Rescue, April 12th, 2004, Fallujah, Iraq”

On April 12, 2004, Iraqi Insurgents south of Fallujah downed an Air Force Special Operations MH-53 “Pave Low” Helicopter with rocket propelled grenade (RPG) fire. Major Groves was the aircraft commander of “chalk 2” and watched his stricken flight lead descend into an enemy concentration. This lecture details the event and subsequent rescue effort.

D-1

Brian Shulman

Founder and CEO of Learning Through Sports

“ESPN, Under Armour, and the Roman Empire: The Blurring of Sportsmanship through Media and Marketing”

Click Clack, Click Clack, Click Clack. Is that the Roman Army? No, it’s sportsmanship and Brian Shulman. This session will (1) illuminate a new path in American sports, proving that coaches-parents-athletes have the power to change the course of the win-at-all-costs, unsportsmanlike river, (2) uncover the short-sighted thinking in some of our most powerful brands and media outlets, and (3) reveal startling insights on our future based on eight years of research involving more than 750,000 students, 24,000 high school coaches, and high school athletic associations nationwide.

D-2

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L-2

Alea Nadeem

AFROTC Cadet, University of New Mexico

“My Journey as an American Child in Iraq”

Sometimes we cannot explain why terrible things happen to people, but the experiences we go through change our lives forever. As a young girl living in the United States, I was involuntarily taken from my mother and forced to live in Iraq. I was living in Iraq when the first Gulf War occurred. It took my mother four years to get me back to the United States. My experiences in Iraq, good and bad, have changed my life and influenced my decision to serve my country as an officer in the United States Air Force.

L-4

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ralph Hartman

ACES Program Director, United States Air Force Academy

“Ordinary Citizens Who Did Extraordinary Things—And They Would Do It All Again”

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ralph Hartman will introduce a group of impassioned citizens called wounded soldiers and will facilitate an open dialogue about their willingness to sacrifice their lives to answer our nation's call. This forum will provide the unique opportunity to personally meet and thank wounded soldiers who have truly made a difference.

L-6

Missy White

Experiential Educator and Owner, M White Consulting Group

“Becoming an Agent of Change”

Change happens one person at a time. How do we prepare ourselves to be agents of change? Experiences and ensuing reflection develop our self-awareness. As we increase our self-awareness, we increase our ability to work with and lead others. Missy will highlight the role of experiential education in leadership and character development in this interactive workshop.

L-8

Kristi Kiger

Youth Mentor and Trainer, Southeast White House, Washington, DC

“Life on Life: Stories of Grassroots Relationships”

Statistics lead us to comparisons, further calculations, and all too often – paralysis. In this seminar we will swap statistics for stories, bar charts for faces, and numbers for names. Kristi began one-on-one mentoring in 2002 with six-year-old girls and now finds herself navigating the early junior high years with budding pre-teens. Part teacher, part tutor, part parent, and full-time friend to seven young ladies, Kristi shares stories of hope, reconciliation, new perspectives and bridge-building while casting a vision for the power of individual relationships.

L-10

Jared Greenberg and Nicholas Lumpp

Co-Chairmen, Somaly Mam Foundation

“From Possibility to Existence”

Each participant will re-examine what they view is possible, what they want to accomplish, and how their leadership can make it a reality. We will use the creation of the Somaly Mam Foundation, a global non-profit founded by two 2005 United States Air Force Academy graduates, as an example.

F-1

Austin Gutwein

Founder, Hoops of Hope

“Can One Person Really Make a Difference?”

Come and hear the journey of one 13 year old who has used his passion to rally thousands of kids, teens and adults to join him in caring for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Hear how Austin and his friends have already helped to build a high-school for 1,000 children and are now building a medical clinic in rural Zambia. You'll leave inspired, full of passion and challenged to make a difference.

H-1

Sports Panel

“Making A Difference in Sports: The Role of Character”

Moderator: Dr. Hans Mueh, Director of Athletics, United States Air Force Academy

Join **Dr. Harvey Schiller, Rulon Gardner, Kristen Ulmer, Brian Shulman,** and USAFA's Head Football Coach **Troy Calhoun** in a panel discussion relating athletics to the NCLS theme.

H-2

Erik MirandetteUSAFA Cadet and Author, *The Only Road North*

“Living With No Holds Barred”

We each have a destiny, a legend that only we can live. To embrace it is dangerous and many choose not to. Erik discusses his experiences in Africa working as a humanitarian in 13 countries before falling victim to a terrorist attack that nearly cost him his life. Now, almost three years later, after having overcome hopeless odds, Erik discusses why we must live boldly with purpose.

D-1

Danny McKnight

Colonel (Retired) United States Army, Motivational Speaker

“Terrorism, Patriotism, Commitment—Leadership When it Counts”

Colonel (Retired) McKnight's efforts in October of 1993 as Commander of the Ranger Battalion elements assigned to Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia, were chronicled in the book and movie *Black Hawk Down*. He brings his experience to others through his presentation that provides a better understanding of the unparalleled commitment and leadership necessary to be successful when executing operations in the most difficult and severe situations.

D-2

Major Paul “Dino” Murray

F-16 Pilot, United States Air Force

“Close Air Support in Afghanistan: How Two Dozen Airmen Helped Turn the Tide in Operation ANACONDA”

On March 2, 2002 almost 1500 soldiers and 23 Airmen descended on the Shahikot Valley of Afghanistan in what was supposed to be a half-day mission in support of Afghan forces. In fact, the helicopter assault set down in the middle of a Taliban stronghold that already held the high ground. In the ensuing fight that lasted nearly two weeks, airpower played a pivotal, if not decisive, role. This lecture recounts the heroic efforts of two dozen Airmen—deployed in one and two-man teams—who called in hundreds of air strikes and helped turn the tide of battle during Operation ANACONDA.

L-2

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Don Koonce

Storyteller

“What Does a Hero Look Like?”

Our heroes often have a strong influence on our direction and ultimately our destination in life. We all have heroes but do we have the right set of heroes? The storyteller's heroes are presented with a challenge to the hearer to examine their hero set.

10:30 am (con'd)

Thursday, February 21

L-4

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L-6

Captain D.J. Skelton

Founder and President of Paradox Sports; China Foreign Area Officer, United States Army

“Post Traumatic Growth: A Life Story of Resiliency and Perseverance”

All of us throughout life's journey experience some type of setback or traumatic event. Some of these events result in a permanent change, physically or mentally. How is it that some of us overcome such obstacles with resiliency and perseverance while others never fully recover? Listen to Skelton's powerful message on how he believes we all have the ability to overcome any hurdle or traumatic event. His story is one that motivates and inspires people from all over the world to pursue their dreams and achieve their limitless potential.

L-8

Dr. John Coonrod

Vice President and COO, The Hunger Project

“Global Citizenship for a World Free from Hunger”

As Global Citizens, we need to overcome the myths and misconceptions that prevent us from engaging effectively—as authentic partners—with 800 million of our fellow human beings living in abject poverty and hunger. In particular, we need a new understanding of three key issues: self-reliance, gender equality and local democracy.

L-10

Richard Fucci

Vice President and Program Director of Freedom's Wings International

“Freedom Flights”

Soaring like a bird is a heady experience even for those who take for granted the ability to move through our mostly two dimensional world walking, running and climbing, all without need for special devices or support. Now imagine the contrast that soaring provides for those dependent upon crutches or wheelchairs. This freedom from earthly bonds is what Freedom's Wings International provides to individuals with disabilities.

11:35 am

Mitchell Hall

Lunch

12:15 pm

Arnold Hall Theater

United States Air Force Academy Band Performance

Afternoon Keynote: USAFA Class of 1959 Leadership Lecture

Dr. Harvey Schiller

Chairman, GlobalOptions Group; President of the International Baseball Federation

“Character in Sports: Examples of Making A Difference”

Through Dr. Schiller's extensive experience with professional and collegiate athletics, he will give examples of athletes whose character led to making a difference.

12:15 pm (cont'd)

Thursday, February 21

F-1
United States Air Force Academy Band Performance
Afternoon Keynote
Rulon Gardner
Olympic Gold and Bronze Medalist (Greco-Roman Wrestling), Motivational Speaker
“Never Give Up, Never Stop Trying”
Rulon discusses his seven steps to success: Go Back to the Basics, Turn the Negatives into Positives, Aim High When You're Feeling Low, Enlist Others, Train Hard, Take Care of Business, and Don't Rest on Your Laurels.

1:30 pm

Arnold Hall Ballroom
Speaker Reception

Arnold Hall Ballroom
Student Small Group Discussions

2:00 pm

United States Air Force Academy Tour
Tour Departs from Arnold Hall front circle
(Optional; Sign Up at Registration Desk)

5:00 pm

Arnold Hall Ballroom
United States Air Force Academy Band Performance
Symposium Dinner
Announcement of the Wakin Award, Sponsored by the USAFA Class of 1974

7:10 pm

Arnold Hall Theater
United States Air Force Academy Band Performance
Evening Keynote
The Honorable Zach Wamp
U.S. Congressman, 3rd District of Tennessee

“Takers Eat Well, Givers Sleep Well”
Leadership in our world is often misrepresented and misunderstood. Real leadership is a combination of submission, courage, love, tenacity. The United States of America needs real leadership at this critical time in history to fill the void caused by comfort, convenience and cynicism.

7:10 pm (cont'd)

Thursday, February 21

F-1

United States Air Force Academy Band Performance

Evening Keynote

Mike May

CEO Sendero Group; Subject of *Crashing Through* by Robert Kurson

“There’s Always a Way”

Success is a reward that emanates from many failures. Mike May will talk about the events and people who influenced his social and career path including the trials and tribulations. Blinded at age 3, he studied in main stream schools before they were legally mandated, participated in sports and learned to fend for himself with the encouragement of his mother, friends and teachers. His successes were all-to-readily acknowledged but they did not come without struggles, bumps and bruises.

8:00 pm

Arnold Hall Ballroom

United States Air Force Academy Band Performance

Speaker Reception

8:30 am

F-1

Morning Keynote

Dr. Lonise P. Bias

Lecturer and Consultant

“Hope Is Not Extinct, The Best Is Yet To Come”

“Optimism” is the sugar of life. Today there is much weariness of spirit relating to hope. The difficult circumstances we are confronted with daily can provide opportunities to maximize our potential and empower us to overcome the obstacles that challenge us. Hope is not extinct if we choose to see the glass half full instead of half empty. The glass that is seen half full has the sugar of life, “optimism” within it which symbolizes hope.

9:30 am

F-1

Major Samantha Weeks

Thunderbird #5, Lead Solo

“Attitude and Actions: The Key to Life Long Success”

The world we live in is an action-oriented society, and each of us has the ability to significantly impact that environment. How we impact it is up to us: your attitude and actions set the stage for your life.

H-1

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AFROTC Cadet, University of New Mexico

“My Journey as an American Child in Iraq”

Sometimes we cannot explain why terrible things happen to people, but the experiences we go through change our lives forever. As a young girl living in the United States, I was involuntarily taken from my mother and forced to live in Iraq. I was living in Iraq when the first Gulf War occurred. It took my mother four years to get me back to the United States. My experiences in Iraq, good and bad, have changed my life and influenced my decision to serve my country as an officer in the United States Air Force.

H-2

Major John “Marshall” Groves

MH-53 Pilot, Air Force Special Operations Command

“Mongoose 33 Rescue, April 12th, 2004, Fallujah, Iraq”

On April 12, 2004, Iraqi Insurgents south of Fallujah downed an Air Force Special Operations MH-53 “Pave Low” Helicopter with rocket propelled grenade (RPG) fire. Major Groves was the aircraft commander of “chalk 2” and watched his stricken flight lead descend into an enemy concentration. This lecture details the event and subsequent rescue effort.

D-1

Kristen Ulmer

The Best Woman Extreme Skier in the World for 12 Years in a Row; Facilitates the Intersection of Zen Wisdom and Adventure

“The Zen of Global Community —Understanding Your Self First”

Who and what are we, as human beings? What are we here to learn, on earth? What, for that matter, did our faces look like before our parents were born? As individual selves, we think and know we exist as individual droplets of water, separated by skin and space, but is it possible we are so much more?

D-2

Dr. John Coonrod

Vice President and COO, The Hunger Project

“Global Citizenship for a World Free from Hunger”

As Global Citizens, we need to overcome the myths and misconceptions that prevent us from engaging effectively – as authentic partners – with 800 million of our fellow human beings living in abject poverty and hunger. In particular, we need a new understanding of three key issues: self-reliance, gender equality and local democracy.

L-2

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Don Koonce

Storyteller

“Iraq: Views from a Citizen Soldier”

Journey to Iraq, the birthplace of civilization and hear how 26 million people are winning their own independence with assistance from America and other nations as told through the eyes of a citizen soldier who was there to help. Personal stories are told of how American soldiers are the best ambassadors for showing what right looks like in the areas of freedom, free enterprise, and courage.

L-4

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ralph Hartman

ACES Program Director, United States Air Force Academy

“Ordinary Citizens Who Did Extraordinary Things—And They Would Do It All Again”

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ralph Hartman will introduce a group of impassioned citizens called wounded soldiers and will facilitate an open dialogue about their willingness to sacrifice their lives to answer our nation's call. This forum will provide the unique opportunity to personally meet and thank wounded soldiers who have truly made a difference.

L-6

Missy White

Experiential Educator and Owner, M White Consulting Group

“Leadership: Navigating the Space Between”

Leaders have to build bridges between people, often people with different leadership styles. Missy will facilitate all participants through an easy to use model and prompt discussions about styles of leadership. Participants will learn to expand their lens of leadership and be more deliberate in their actions. Be prepared to be involved, or pick another session!

L-8

Kristi Kiger

Youth Mentor and Trainer, Southeast White House, Washington, DC

“Life on Life: Stories of Grassroots Relationships”

Statistics lead us to comparisons, further calculations, and all too often – paralysis. In this seminar we will swap statistics for stories, bar charts for faces, and numbers for names. Kristi began one-on-one mentoring in 2002 with six-year-old girls and now finds herself navigating the early junior high years with budding pre-teens. Part teacher, part tutor, part parent, and full-time friend to seven young ladies, Kristi shares stories of hope, reconciliation, new perspectives and bridge-building while casting a vision for the power of individual relationships.

L-10

Jared Greenberg and Nicholas Lumpp

Co-Chairmen, Somaly Mam Foundation

“From Possibility to Existence”

Each participant will re-examine what they view is possible, what they want to accomplish, and how their leadership can make it a reality. We will use the creation of the Somaly Mam Foundation, a global non-profit founded by two 2005 United States Air Force Academy graduates, as an example.

F-1

Sean Swarner

Motivational Speaker and Founding Member of The CancerClimber Association

“Keep Climbing: Climb Your Personal Everest”

After traversing crevasses thousands of feet deep, surviving hurricane-force winds and losing a fellow climber along the way, Sean is the first cancer survivor to summit Mt. Everest. Complete with a dynamic audiovisual presentation capturing the essence of Everest, Sean will take you through a journey of life's tragedies and excitement with a relentless attitude. With the addition of completion of the 7-Summits, you will leave with a better appreciation for the fragility of life and a resilient attitude to conquer anything.

H-1

Mike MayCEO Sendero Group; Subject of *Crashing Through* by Robert Kurson

“There's Always a Way”

Success is a reward that emanates from many failures. Mike May will talk about the events and people who influenced his social and career path including the trials and tribulations. Blinded at age 3, he studied in main stream schools before they were legally mandated, participated in sports and learned to fend for himself with the encouragement of his mother, friends and teachers. His successes were all-to-readily acknowledged but they did not come without struggles, bumps and bruises.

H-2

Erik MirandetteUSAFA Cadet and Author, *The Only Road North*

“Living With No Holds Barred”

We each have a destiny, a legend that only we can live. To embrace it is dangerous and many choose not to. Erik discusses his experiences in Africa working as a humanitarian in 13 countries before falling victim to a terrorist attack that nearly cost him his life. Now, almost three years later, after having overcome hopeless odds, Erik discusses why we must live boldly with purpose.

D-1

Brian Shulman

Founder and CEO of Learning Through Sports

“I Wonder if Charles Still Thinks He's Not a Role Model: The Sportsmanship Paradox”

In 1993, Mr. Charles Barkley playing forward for the National Basketball Association (NBA) Phoenix Suns proclaimed that he was not a role model. Twenty-five years later, America is witnessing the collateral damage of such proclamations. What seemed merely fodder for sports journalists has become an epidemic of lying and cheating with a win-at-all-costs mentality. Brian Shulman, a fellow Auburn University graduate, former draft pick of the Green Bay Packers, quit his “real job” to teach youth about the sportsmanship and competitiveness that make sports a training ground for success throughout life. His discussion will explore his early detours, successes and his burning desire to make a difference for the next generation of athletes and leaders in America. Ultimately, we will arrive at the tipping point for sportsmanship, what happens next is up to each of us.

D-2

Danny McKnight

Colonel (Retired) United States Army, Motivational Speaker

“Terrorism, Patriotism, Commitment—Leadership When it Counts”

Colonel (Retired) McKnight's efforts in October of 1993 as Commander of the Ranger Battalion elements assigned to Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia, were chronicled in the book and movie *Black Hawk Down*. He brings his experience to others through his presentation that provides a better understanding of the unparalleled commitment and leadership necessary to be successful when executing operations in the most difficult and severe situations.

L-2

Captain D.J. Skelton

Founder and President of Paradox Sports; China Foreign Area Officer, United States Army

“Post Traumatic Growth: A Life Story of Resiliency and Perseverance”

All of us throughout life's journey experience some type of setback or traumatic event. Some of these events result in a permanent change, physically or mentally. How is it that some of us overcome such obstacles with resiliency and perseverance while others never fully recover? Listen to Skelton's powerful message on how he believes we all have the ability to overcome any hurdle or traumatic event. His story is one that motivates and inspires people from all over the world to pursue their dreams and achieve their limitless potential.

L-4

Richard Fucci

Vice President and Program Director of Freedom's Wings International

“Freedom Flights”

Soaring like a bird is a heady experience even for those who take for granted the ability to move through our mostly two dimensional world walking, running and climbing, all without need for special devices or support. Now imagine the contrast that soaring provides for those dependent upon crutches or wheelchairs. This freedom from earthly bonds is what Freedom's Wings International provides to individuals with disabilities.

L-6

Project Compassion: Kaziah Hancock, Founding Artist; **Marie Woolf**, Chairman, CEO, and Executive Director; **Richard Cupp**, Director

“For Their Families: An Heirloom Legacy of Courage”

Project Compassion is a non-profit humanitarian organization founded in 2002 to provide one gallery-quality, 18”x 24” original oil on canvas portrait of every American in uniform who has died on active duty since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to their families at no cost to them. Five artists and two staff in this nationally honored organization have delivered almost 1,000 framed, ready-to-hang portraits of fallen heroes to their loved ones to date. This is the story of Project Compassion, and how the organization accomplishes its mission to support not only the families of our fallen, but all of those who serve them—from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Department of Defense to the Casualty Assistance officers—to offer a lasting gift of appreciation.

L-8

Major Paul “Dino” Murray

F-16 Pilot, United States Air Force

“Close Air Support in Afghanistan: How Two Dozen Airmen Helped Turn the Tide in Operation ANACONDA”

On March 2, 2002 almost 1500 soldiers and 23 Airmen descended on the Shahikot Valley of Afghanistan in what was supposed to be a half-day mission in support of Afghan forces. In fact, the helicopter assault set down in the middle of a Taliban stronghold that already held the high ground. In the ensuing fight that lasted nearly two weeks, airpower played a pivotal, if not decisive, role. This lecture recounts the heroic efforts of two dozen Airmen—deployed in one and two-man teams—who called in hundreds of air strikes and helped turn the tide of battle during Operation ANACONDA.

L-10

Cliff W. Dugosh

Inspirational/Motivational Speaker; 18-year educator/mentor of high school and college students

“Priorities and Perspectives: A Humorous, Thought-Provoking Look at Life”

Cliff will discuss observations of life from 18 years of working with, and investing in, thousands of young adults. He will venture into an in-depth look at those things we value in life and how those things determine whether or not we impress people or impact them.

Speakers

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Lonise P. Bias is a national motivational speaker, trainer, and life coach. She is the President of Bias Consulting. Since 1986 she has engaged audiences throughout the United States and abroad with her motivational presentations. Dr. Bias believes youth, family, our communities, and those within the workplace are reachable, teachable, lovable, and savable. Her clients include the DEA, Department of State, White House Office of Drug Control Policy, NFL, NBA, MLB, universities, athletic departments, and schools. In 1990 she was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Education from Anna Maria College in Paxton, Massachusetts. Dr. Bias was thrust into her career as a public speaker as a result of the death of her son Len, the University of Maryland basketball player who died in 1986 of cocaine intoxication two days after being drafted by the Boston Celtics. In 1990 she suffered the loss of a second son, Jay, the victim of a drive by shooting at a local shopping mall.



General (Retired) Wesley Clark held numerous staff and command positions in his thirty-three years of service in the United States Army, and rose to the rank of four-star general and NATO Supreme Allied Commander. A candidate for the presidency in 2003, General Clark is now chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates, a strategic advisory and consulting firm, serves on the boards of several private corporations and non-profit organizations and comments regularly on politics, diplomacy and public affairs. As NATO Supreme Allied Commander, General Clark commanded Operation Allied Force, which saved 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. He holds a Master's Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar. General Clark is a recipient of numerous U.S. and foreign military awards, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He has received honorary Knighthoods from the British and Dutch governments and was made a commander of the French Legion of Honor. General Clark was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.



At the 2000 Summer Olympic Games, a determined Wyoming farm boy defeated the greatest Olympic wrestler of all time in "The Miracle on the Mat." Four years later, after a near fatal accident, a tearful **Rulon Gardner** touched the hearts of sports fans everywhere when he left his shoes on the mat, symbolizing his retirement after winning an Olympic Bronze. A modern-day Paul Bunyan, Rulon Gardner grew up on his family's dairy farm, where unceasing chores helped him develop his tremendous strength and stamina at an early age. He struggled in school due to learning disabilities and was often the butt of his classmates' jokes, yet he found success in wrestling which instilled in him the confidence and drive that took him to the center of world sports.



At the age of ten, **Austin Gutwein** was moved when he learned there were over 15 million children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Thinking everyone was doing something to help these children, Austin decided to try and do his part. He decided to make a difference for just one, one free-throw at a time. Now, in its third year, Austin's youth movement called Hoops of Hope has helped thousands of orphaned children in Africa. Last year, Hoops of Hope helped to build a high-school for 1,000 children in rural Zambia and just a few months ago, participants around the world raised enough money to build a medical clinic near the school. In 2007 Austin was awarded the Prudential Community of Service Award as well as the Baron Prize for Young Heroes for his work on behalf of AIDS orphans.



Michael Josephson, founder and president of the Joseph and Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics, is one of the nation's foremost ethics consultants to major corporations and government officials. Through the Institute, he has launched two successful national youth initiatives: CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Pursuing Victory With Honor (PVWH) sportsmanship campaign. CHARACTER COUNTS! is the nation's leading character education framework and reaches six million youth through a widespread partnership of schools and service organizations. Virtually every U.S. athletic organization endorses PVWH. For his achievements in character education and ethics, Mr. Josephson received the America's Award in 1995 from President Ronald Reagan. Mr. Josephson speaks to listeners daily through his Gabriel Award-winning radio spots, which air on KNX-1070 and other select stations as well as on the worldwide American Forces Radio network.



Mike May was totally blinded at age three from an explosion. He grew up believing he was lucky to be blind and still alive. Today Mike is 54 years old, and a leader in the field of advancing technology and mobility for the independence of the visually impaired and blind. Mike does not believe in the word 'impossible'. Mike is a 'can-do' person, from raising millions of dollars in starting four high-tech companies to setting up blind ski programs in 10 countries and 15 states. Mike also has a profound sense of adventure. He underwent a rare stem cell transplant despite a 50% chance of success or failure and became one of a handful of documented cases of vision restoration in the past 200 years. Mike May is President and CEO of Sendero Group and the subject of the book *Crashing Through-- A True Story of Risk, Adventure, and the Man Who Dared to See* by Robert Kurson.



Greg Mortenson is the co-founder of nonprofit Central Asia Institute, Pennies For Peace, and co-author of New York Times bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*. Since a 1993 climb on Pakistan's treacherous K2 (world's second highest mountain and considered most dangerous to climb), Mortenson has dedicated 11 years to establish girl's schools in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. In 13 years, and 31 trips, encompassing over 60 months, Mortenson has become an expert in a region few people know about—but now front and center on the world arena and the war on terror. Through his unique perspective of the region's culture, history, geo-politics and mostly development aspects, Mortenson shares insightful commentary and stunning photography about his extraordinary journey of a decade long effort to promote girl's education.



Representing **Project Compassion** is its Chairman, CEO and Executive Director, **Marie Woolf**. A successful entrepreneur and creative professional since the age of sixteen, Ms. Woolf has founded and concurrently led enterprises in arts, media, technology, political, and corporate sectors. She is CEO and creative director of California-based WoolfMedia, a full-service multimedia and marketing firm. Prior to Project Compassion, her humanitarian service has included serving on the boards of the Earle Baum Center of the Blind and Heritage Schools (a residential treatment center for teens with severe clinically-diagnosed emotional and substance abuse disorders). "For Project Compassion, every day is Memorial Day. We are astonished at the trust given to us by strangers. We learn that our work is not for the fainthearted, how to share suffering and kindness with no strings attached. Then come the unexpected moments of grace, where we realize the privilege of our service. And that this privilege must never, ever be about Project Compassion—but about them and their loved ones—always."



Representing **Project Compassion** is its Founding Artist, **Kaziah Hancock**. She shares a ranch with 100 goats at the base of a mountain in Utah. It all started in March 2003 when a tearful Kaziah painted a portrait of Utah's first deceased soldier, then kept going. Today she's completed over 400 portraits of Soldiers, Airmen and Marines from nearly every state. Each soldier portrait is framed and shipped by Kaziah to surviving family members at no cost. Kaziah can't begin to estimate the income she has forfeited, painting deceased sons and daughters instead of the landscapes and portraits she normally sells for thousands of dollars. Yet all she has to do is read the thank you notes from grateful families, and her inner banker goes on permanent holiday. Project Compassion is a way to say "Thank you" to those American servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for America, and for the loved ones they have left behind. It is a way to honor the honorable and serve the few who have served the many. Project Compassion includes a number of renowned professional portraitists who have accepted Kaziah's invitation to join her in their gifts of talent.



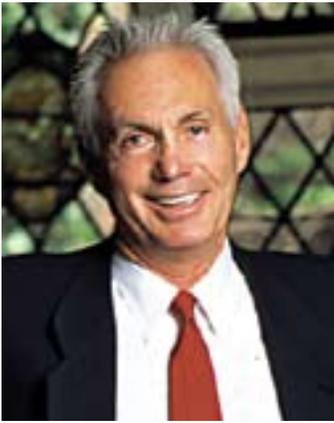
Representing **Project Compassion** is its Director, **Richard Cupp**. He has served in the financial services industry for over 40 years. For the past thirteen years, he has served as Chief Executive Officer of several independent commercial banking and savings banks and was responsible for significant improvements in operations, asset quality, regulatory and investor relations, earnings and shareholder valuation. These banks include 1st Century Bank, First Bank of Beverly Hills, HF Bancorp (Hemet Federal Bank) and Ventura County National Bancorp. HF Bancorp was the largest independent banking institution in Riverside County, California. VCNB was a multi-bank holding company whose principal subsidiary was Ventura County's largest independent bank. Cupp was most recently President and CEO of 1st Century Bank, a newly chartered national banking institution headquartered in Los Angeles. As a director of Project Compassion, he provides direction and support to this non-profit organization that recognizes our fallen military service men and women in a unique and profound way.



Lieutenant General (Retired) Ervin J. Rokke, Ph.D., is Chair for Character and Leadership Development, United States Air Force Academy. Prior to his current position, he served for nine years as President of Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Dr. Rokke was commissioned at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1962 and later earned his Ph.D. in international relations from Harvard University. His 35-year active duty career included intelligence, operational and diplomatic assignments in Japan, Hawaii, Belgium, England, the Soviet Union, and Germany. He also served several tours on the faculty of the Air Force Academy, culminating in his selection as Dean of Faculty. His last active duty assignment was as President of the National Defense University in Washington, DC. Dr. Rokke was inducted into the Defense Intelligence Agency Attache Hall of Fame in 2000 and received the Jan Masaryk Medal of Achievement from the Czech Republic in 2006 for contributions in the fields of academics and international diplomacy.



Mark Sanborn, is president of Sanborn & Associates, an idea studio dedicated to developing leaders in business and in life. Mark is an international bestselling author and noted authority on leadership, team building, customer service and change. Most recently he served as the president of the National Speakers Association. Mark holds the Certified Speaking Professional designation from the National Speakers Association and is a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the exclusive Speakers Roundtable, made up of 20 of the top speakers in America. Sanborn is the author of seven books, including *TeamBuilt: Making Teamwork Work*, *Sanborn on Success* and *Upgrade: Proven Strategies for Dramatically Increasing Personal and Professional Success*. Mark's book *The Fred Factor: How Passion in Your Work and Life Can Make the Ordinary Extraordinary* is an international bestseller. His latest book is *You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader: How Anyone Anywhere Can Make a Positive Difference*.



Harvey W. Schiller, Ph.D., is Chairman of the Board of GlobalOptions Group. Prior to joining GlobalOptions Group, Dr. Schiller was Chairman of Assante U.S., a leading provider of financial and life management products and services. Before joining Assante, Dr. Schiller was Chairman and CEO of YankeeNets, a sports conglomerate that included the New York Yankees, New Jersey Nets, and New Jersey Devils. His previous experience in the sports industry included a stint as Vice President of sports programming for Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. (TBS). Dr. Schiller also served as President of Turner Sports, Inc., as well as president and governor of the NHL expansion franchise, Atlanta Thrashers. Before joining Turner, Dr. Schiller was Executive Director/Secretary General of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Dr. Schiller joined the USOC after serving as Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference from 1986 to 1990. He was also a pilot in the United States Air Force, including combat service in Vietnam, and attained the rank of Brigadier General. In 1980, he was appointed a Permanent Professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Two-time cancer survivor **Sean Swarner** is living proof of triumph against all odds. At age 13, Sean was diagnosed with life-threatening Advanced Stage IV Hodgkin's Disease. His prognosis was critical, and doctors did not expect him to live more than three months. Yet treatment after treatment, Sean improved. Two years later, at age 15, doctors found a cancerous tumor in Sean's chest wall. It was Askin's Sarcoma, another entirely different and potentially fatal form of cancer. This time, doctors gave him only two weeks. Nearly 15 years later, and with only partial use of his lungs, Sean stood at the summit of Mount Everest with those memories fresh in his mind. As seen on ESPN, he climbs with one functioning lung and has gone on to climb the highest mountain on each of the six other continents. Sean shares his message of healing and triumph with cancer patients worldwide by visiting hospitals during his expeditions and presentations, giving hope to the children, parents, and others battling cancer.



Congressman Zach Wamp (R-TN3) serves with seniority as a member of the influential House Appropriations Committee, which funds all discretionary spending by the federal government. Congressman Wamp serves as the Ranking Member of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee of Appropriations. The Subcommittee funds the operations of Congress and the Capitol, including the Capitol Police, the Library of Congress, the Capitol Visitor's Center and the budgets of all Members of Congress and House Leadership. Having served as Chairman of the House Republican Policy Energy and Technology Subcommittee, Congressman Wamp crafted the Republican Policy's energy platform to move America toward energy independence and secure our homeland while growing a manufacturer-driven, robust U.S. economy. In the 109th Congress, the Wamp-authored Trail of Tears Study Act passed to more accurately depict the additional sites and trails associated with the Cherokee removal. He is a regular panelist on "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" and has appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," ABC's "Nightline," MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews," "Scarborough Country" and Fox News. Congressman Wamp recently became the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on MilQual/VA/Related Agencies.



Major Samantha Weeks is in her second season with the United States Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds". She is the first female solo pilot on any US aerial demonstration team, and flies the number 5 aircraft this year as the Team's lead solo pilot. Maj Weeks entered the Air Force in May 1997 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. Major Weeks flew the F-15C as her primary weapons system at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia and Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. She's flown combat air patrols over Iraq in support of Operation Northern and Southern Watch accumulating over 100 combat hours. She is an instructor pilot with more than 1600 fighter hours in the F-15C and F-16.

Concurrent Speakers and Consortium Moderators



Dr. John Coonrod has been on the staff of The Hunger Project for 23 years, working extensively in Africa, South Asia and Latin America. Before changing his career at the height of the 1985 African famine, he was a Stanford and Berkeley-trained PhD research physicist, and served on the teams that built the first whole-body CAT scanner and the first break-even nuclear fusion reactor.



Colonel Gerald D. Curry is the Commander, 99th Security Forces Group, Nellis AFB, Nevada. He oversees operations of three squadrons: the 99th Security Forces Squadron, the 99th Security Support Squadron and the 99th Ground Combat Training Squadron. Through these squadrons the group provides flight-line security, police services and antiterrorism/force protection for Nellis AFB. He also provides security for DoD's largest aboveground weapons storage area and manages ACC's Desert Warfare Training Center. He was commissioned through AFROTC in 1983 upon his graduation from Tennessee State University. Colonel Curry has served as the Commander of the United States Air Force Academy Cadet Group One, 620th Expeditionary Air Base Group, 50th, 3415th, and 96th Security Forces Squadron, as a Ground Launch Cruise Missile Defense Force Commander, Security Operations Officer and Shift Commander. He is the author of *Striving For Perfection, Developing Professional Black Officers*.



A native of San Antonio, **Cliff Dugosh** has spoken to thousands of individuals through over 500 speeches with audiences that have ranged from third graders to corporate executives. With two degrees in education from Texas A&M University, Cliff has spent the last eighteen years investing in high school and college students. Working and residing in College Station since 1999, Cliff's passion for college students and leaders spurred him on to sharing well over 1600 meals with A&M students. While at A&M, Cliff served on the Who's Who Selection Committee and was a member of the Mentors organization. For the past 14 summers, he has volunteered as a counselor at Dream Street, a camp in southern California for children with life-threatening or terminal illnesses. In 2006 he was honored by San Antonio's Northside Independent School District as its Pillar of Caring.



Richard Fucci is Vice President and Program Director of Freedom's Wings International, a non-profit organization which provides soaring opportunities to persons with disabilities. In October he was featured in the "Making a Difference" segment on the NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. A graduate of McGill University and the University of Connecticut he is self-employed as an insurance and financial services professional. Fucci has volunteered his time to various charitable organizations in his community to include the Sail Connecticut Access Program, The National Spinal Cord Injury Association and Easter Seals. Also, he served in the United States Navy as an A-7 Corsair pilot with Attack Squadron 46 aboard the carrier U.S.S. John F. Kennedy. Fucci and his wife, Ilona, make their home in Guilford, Connecticut.



Chaplain, Major James M. Glass is the Readiness Functional Area Manager for the Air Force Chaplain Service, Headquarters Air Force, responsible for posturing personnel identified in the Time-Phased Force Deployment Data for both wartime and contingency taskings. He received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1977 and served as a Communications Officer until he separated from the Air Force in May 1982. After receiving Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he pastored churches in Alabama and taught at the University of Mobile and Central Alabama Community College. In March 1998, he re-entered the Air Force as a chaplain. Before coming to Headquarters Air Force, he completed Air Command and Staff College in residence after serving as the Excellence Division Chief of the USAFA Center for Character Development.



Jared Greenberg is a consultant for Insigniam Performance, an international management-consulting firm. He is the Co-Chairman of the Somaly Mam Foundation, a global non-profit dedicated to supporting the rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration of victims of sexual slavery. Greenberg is a 2005 management graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He has consulted executives of several Fortune 1000 businesses and has been featured on The Tyra Banks Show for his non-profit work.



Major John M. Groves is a 1995 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and a 2007 graduate of the Georgia Tech Woodruff School. He is a Special Operations helicopter pilot with more than 1700 flight hours in the H-1 and MH-53. He has served multiple tours in Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and North Africa, and is currently at student at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. In addition to flying, he served as a planner and aide-de-camp to the Commanding General of Joint Special Operations Command. In 2004, he was awarded the Silver Star Medal and the Air Force Cheney Award for leading a successful rescue after his flight lead was shot down in Iraq.



Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ralph Hartman retired from active duty at the United States Air Force Academy in 1998 where he was the Deputy Department Head for Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and Director of Organizational Consulting and Leadership Development. He then spent five years as the Leadership and Organizational Development Advisor for the USAA Regional Office in Colorado Springs. In this role he was the leadership advisor to the Regional Senior Vice President and his senior staff, and was the primary High Performance Team/Culture Trainer, Facilitator, and Organizational Consultant for over 1,200 employees including directors, managers, and front-line employees. Hartman returned to the Air Force Academy in 2004 as an Assistant Professor in the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Department. In February 2006, he joined the USAFA Center for Character Development where he is currently the Program Director for the Academy Character Enrichment Seminar Program.



Kristi Kiger is a youth mentor in Washington, DC. Originally from Los Angeles, she graduated from the University of California, San Diego, in 2001 with a BA in Human Development and Latin American Studies. Since graduation she has lived and served in Washington, DC, where she works with a small group of young women as part of a long-term, early intervention mentoring program at the Southeast White House. Her passion for serving youth and families in hard places began in high school on faith-based international service trips. Her volunteer service extends to Egypt, Israel, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Bolivia. She continues to pursue her passions, seek a greater understanding of her world, and build tools for positive community development through seminary studies at Bakke Graduate University, working towards a Masters in Theological Studies with a specialization in Urban Transformation.



Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Don Koonce, citizen soldier, loves America. He served a 30 year career in the Missouri Army National Guard which included a 17 month deployment to Iraq as commander of the 203rd Combat Heavy Battalion from 2003 to 2004 and retired in September, 2006. As a citizen, he has worked within the nuclear power industry since 1980. He and his wife Norma have been married for 33 years and have 2 children and 8 grandchildren. For several years, Koonce has been traveling extensively and telling stories of America and her heroes to the youth of Missouri and surrounding states speaking to an average of more than a thousand children per week. He believes in telling stories to inspire and educate America's youth to help ensure and improve America's future.



Nicholas Lump is founder and Chief Operating Officer of Kablinga, a website that teaches kids basic entrepreneurial and financial skills. Lump is the Co-Chairman of the Somaly Mam Foundation, a global non-profit dedicated to supporting the rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration of victims of sexual slavery. He graduated with a degree in Behavioral Science from the United States Air Force Academy in 2005 where he was a member of the Wings of Blue Parachute Team. He was recently a guest on the Tyra Banks Show for his work in fighting sexual slavery.



Colonel (Retired) Danny McKnight was born in Columbus, Georgia, and moved to Rockledge, Florida in 1959. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Florida State University, where he earned a BS degree in Management. He earned his Masters Degree in Higher Education at the University of Florida while assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science. He graduated the Army War College in 1995. His career included battalion command twice, an assignment as Executive Officer 75th Ranger Regiment, and an assignment as First Army Chief of Staff. He had combat duty in Panama and Somalia. His awards and decorations include two Legion of Merits, Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, and Master Parachutist Badge with Combat Star. After 28 ½ years of service, Colonel McKnight returned to Florida where he resides with his wife Linda.



Cadet Erik Mirandette, a state champion pole-vaulter in high school, went on to attend the United States Air Force Academy. He spent two years at the Academy before taking time off to serve as a volunteer humanitarian in Morocco. Mirandette worked for a Christian nonprofit organization there for almost two years, initiating a relief effort to sub-Saharan war refugees living illegally in Morocco and taking much-needed supplies to earthquake victims in a neighboring region. After his time in Morocco, Mirandette took on the adventure of a lifetime. He traveled 9,000 miles from Cape Town, South Africa to Cairo, Egypt on a dirt bike stopping to volunteer at various missions along the way. On April 7, 2005, as he walked through a marketplace in Cairo, he fell victim to a terrorist attack which nearly cost him his life. Now, just three years later, Mirandette has overcome overwhelming odds to return to the Academy and is still a competitive collegiate athlete.



Major Paul "Dino" Murray, a 1994 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, is an F-16 instructor pilot with over 2000 flight hours, 280 in combat. In March of 2002, while serving as an Air Liaison Officer (ALO) assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, he commanded all the conventional Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTACs) engaged in combat in the mountains of Afghanistan during Operation ANACONDA. A year later Major Murray deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. As the ALO assigned to the 101st Airborne Division's assault command post, he coordinated airpower for the entire division during its drive from Kuwait to the Turkish border. Major Murray currently serves on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. He is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Kim Meltz of Calumet City, Illinois. They have three children: Kendall, Jakob, and Grace.



Cadet Alea Nadeem was born in Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in 2003 and enlisted in the United States Air Force that same year. Nadeem was a security forces member for three years serving at the 180th Fighter Wing, Toledo, Ohio Air National Guard and 150th Fighter Wing, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico Air National Guard. Offered an opportunity to commission at the University of New Mexico's AFROTC, she joined AFROTC in the spring of 2004 while continuing to serve at the 150th Fighter Wing. Nadeem is currently a senior at the University of New Mexico and will graduate in December 2008.



Brian M. Shulman is the Founder & CEO of Learning Through Sports (LTS) and author of *The Death of Sportsmanship*. Prior to the founding of LTS in 2001, he was a senior sales and marketing executive in the healthcare information technology industry. Shulman was the Captain of the Auburn Tigers Football Team and helped lead them to the 1988 SEC Championship. He was also an 8th Round Draft choice for the Green Bay Packers. Shulman's company assembled a team of PhD researchers, educational content experts and software developers to become a leading educational publisher of digital game-based learning programs for K-12. The company publishes STAR™ Sportsmanship, the first interactive sports video game to teach sportsmanship; and MySportsmanship.com, the first monitored social networking website focused on positive sports behavior that provides 7th-12th grade students with an opportunity to upload and view videos that define what their sport and their sportsmanship is all about.



Captain D. J. Skelton is a China Foreign Area Officer for the United States Army. After enlisting as a Chinese Interrogator, he attended the United States Military Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. While conducting combat operations during the 2nd Battle of Fallujah, Iraq, Skelton was severely wounded after being hit in the chest with a rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire. He lost his left eye, use of left arm, upper palate and partial use of right leg. Skelton then served as a military advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Defense educating and influencing senior leaders in the Pentagon, White House and Congress to better care for and manage our wounded populous. He is the founder of Paradox Sports, which provides inspiration, opportunities and adaptive equipment to the disabled community to pursue dreams and achieve limitless goals.



Kristen Ulmer was an American pioneer of the Extreme Sports revolution. Starting in the early 90's as a mogul specialist on the US Ski Team, she left the team to pursue a career jumping off cliffs for cameras and skiing "you-fall-you-die" descents around the world. For a run of 12 years, Ulmer was voted or named the best extreme and overall woman skier in the world by the media and her industry peers, beating even Olympic gold medalists. Expanding into other dangerous sports such as rock and ice climbing, paragliding, adventure cycling, and kiteboarding also scored her the vote as the most extreme woman athlete in North America. Five years ago, Ulmer started a new trend in sports training-- introducing mental and spiritual aspects to sports. She now spends her time studying spiritual traditions and finding the ways they intersect with adventure, sharing this wisdom through private sessions, clinics, and talks.



Missy White has provided experiential education and leadership development for 25 years. From turning a conference room into a leadership learning lab for state employees to instructing leadership to NASA astronauts on two-week expeditions, she has an extensive experience in high impact leadership instruction. Clients consistently bestow high marks for her ability to present complex theories in simple terms, allowing individuals to lead at a higher level. Her workshops are interactive and emphasize self-awareness as the cornerstone of leadership and character development. White is known to be an engaging, creative, humorous and inspiring speaker. Currently, White is the owner and principle consultant at M White Consulting Group. Previously, she was Senior Program Coordinator at National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) Professional Training. Her client list includes: Global Adrenaline, WA State Department of Social and Health Services, Wharton Executive Education, the United States Naval Academy, and New Seasons Market.

11:35 am

Friday, February 22

Mitchell Hall

Lunch

12:15 pm

Arnold Hall Theater

United States Air Force Academy Band Performance

Afternoon Keynote: Secretary of the Air Force Lecture

General (Retired) Wesley Clark

Chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates

“Reflections on Citizenship, Character, and Leadership”

This lecture is sponsored by the Secretary of the Air Force and supported by senior Air Force leadership to emphasize the moral and ethical standards expected of Air Force officers.

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1:30 pm

Arnold Hall Ballroom

Speaker Reception

Arnold Hall Ballroom

Student Consortium (Required for all Cadet Delegates and Visiting Students)

Moderator: Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ralph Hartman, ACES Program Director, USAFA

“Impassioned Citizenship: Can One Make A Difference?”

Arnold Hall Banquet Room

Faculty Consortium (For all Visiting Faculty)

Moderator: Chaplain, Major Jim Glass, USAF Chaplain Service, Headquarters Air Force

“Service Learning: How Does Your Institution Teach Students to Make A Difference?”

3:30 pm

United States Air Force Academy Tour

Tour Departs from Arnold Hall front circle

(Optional; Sign Up at Registration Desk)

6:00 pm

Friday, February 22

Falcon Club
Visiting Faculty and Speaker Dinner

Visiting Students' Free Time and Dinner (See Cadet Hosts for Details)
Visiting Students' and Cadet Delegates' Team Building (See Cadet Staff For Details)

7:00 pm

Falcon Club

“Thank Goodness It’s Character”

Character Development Exhibition for Visiting Faculty and Speakers

Presenters: Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ralph Hartman, Major Sheilagh Carpenter, and Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Bob Vásquez

The USAFA Center for Character Development will showcase some great examples of experiential learning segments from their cadet character development seminars.

8:00 am

Arnold Hall Theater

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United States Air Force Academy Band Performance

Morning Keynote

Project Compassion: Kaziah Hancock, Founding Artist; **Marie Woolf**, Chairman, CEO, and Executive Director; **Richard Cupp**, Director

“For Their Families: An Heirloom Legacy of Courage”

Project Compassion is a non-profit humanitarian organization founded in 2002 to provide one gallery-quality, 18”x 24” original oil on canvas portrait of every American in uniform who has died on active duty since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to their families at no cost to them. Five artists and two staff in this nationally honored organization have delivered almost 1,000 framed, ready-to-hang portraits of fallen heroes to their loved ones to date. This is the story of Project Compassion, and how the organization accomplishes its mission to support not only the families of our fallen, but all of those who serve them—from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Department of Defense to the Casualty Assistance officers—to offer a lasting gift of appreciation.

H-1

Danny McKnight

Colonel (Retired) United States Army, Motivational Speaker

“Terrorism, Patriotism, Commitment—Leadership When it Counts”

Colonel (Retired) McKnight’s efforts in October of 1993 as Commander of the Ranger Battalion elements assigned to Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia, were chronicled in the book and movie *Black Hawk Down*. He brings his experience to others through his presentation that provides a better understanding of the unparalleled commitment and leadership necessary to be successful when executing operations in the most difficult and severe situations.

H-2

Dr. Lonise P. Bias

Lecturer and Consultant

“Hope Is Not Extinct, The Best Is Yet To Come”

“Optimism” is the sugar of life. Today there is much weariness of spirit relating to hope. The difficult circumstances we are confronted with daily can provide opportunities to maximize our potential and empower us to overcome the obstacles that challenge us. Hope is not extinct if we choose to see the glass half full instead of half empty. The glass that is seen half full has the sugar of life, “optimism” within it which symbolizes hope.

D-1

Kristen Ulmer

The Best Woman Extreme Skier in the World for 12 Years in a Row; Facilitates the Intersection of Zen Wisdom and Adventure

“The Zen of Global Community—Understanding Your Self First”

Who and what are we, as human beings? What are we here to learn, on earth? What, for that matter, did our faces look like before our parents were born? As individual selves, we think and know we exist as individual droplets of water, separated by skin and space, but is it possible we are so much more?

D-2

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L-4

Alea Nadeem

AFROTC Cadet, University of New Mexico

“My Journey as an American Child in Iraq”

Sometimes we cannot explain why terrible things happen to people, but the experiences we go through change our lives forever. As a young girl living in the United States, I was involuntarily taken from my mother and forced to live in Iraq. I was living in Iraq when the first Gulf War occurred. It took my mother four years to get me back to the United States. My experiences in Iraq, good and bad, have changed my life and influenced my decision to serve my country as an officer in the United States Air Force.

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L-8

Kristi Kiger

Youth Mentor and Trainer, Southeast White House, Washington, DC

“Life on Life: Stories of Grassroots Relationships”

Statistics lead us to comparisons, further calculations, and all too often – paralysis. In this seminar we will swap statistics for stories, bar charts for faces, and numbers for names. Kristi began one-on-one mentoring in 2002 with six-year-old girls and now finds herself navigating the early junior high years with budding pre-teens. Part teacher, part tutor, part parent, and full-time friend to seven young ladies, Kristi shares stories of hope, reconciliation, new perspectives and bridge-building while casting a vision for the power of individual relationships.

L-10

Missy White

Experiential Educator and Owner, M White Consulting Group

“Becoming an Agent of Change”

Change happens one person at a time. How do we prepare ourselves to be agents of change? Experiences and ensuing reflection develop our self-awareness. As we increase our self-awareness, we increase our ability to work with and lead others. Missy will highlight the role of experiential education in leadership and character development in this interactive workshop.

Arnold Hall Thater
 United States Air Force Academy Band Performance
 Morning Keynote

Mark Sanborn

Author of *The Fred Factor* and *You Don't Need A Title To Be A Leader*

“You Don't Need A Title To Be A Leader - How Anyone, Anywhere, Can Make A Positive Difference”

The only thing better than good leadership at the top of an organization is good leadership throughout the organization. Based on his bestselling book by the same title, Mark Sanborn will explain how anyone can make a positive difference, and how to lead effectively with or without a title. You won't want to miss this idea-packed keynote.

F-1

United States Air Force Academy Band Performance
 Morning Keynote

Major Samantha Weeks

Thunderbird #5, Lead Solo

“Attitude and Actions: The Key to Life Long Success”

The world we live in is an action-oriented society, and each of us has the ability to significantly impact that environment. How we impact it is up to us: your attitude and actions set the stage for your life.

H-1

Dr. John Coonrod

Vice President and COO, The Hunger Project

“Global Citizenship for a World Free from Hunger”

As Global Citizens, we need to overcome the myths and misconceptions that prevent us from engaging effectively – as authentic partners – with 800 million of our fellow human beings living in abject poverty and hunger. In particular, we need a new understanding of three key issues: self-reliance, gender equality and local democracy.

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D-2

Erik Mirandette

USAFA Cadet and Author, *The Only Road North*

“Living With No Holds Barred”

We each have a destiny, a legend that only we can live. To embrace it is dangerous and many choose not to. Erik discusses his experiences in Africa working as a humanitarian in 13 countries before falling victim to a terrorist attack that nearly cost him his life. Now, almost three years later, after having overcome hopeless odds, Erik discusses why we must live boldly with purpose.

L-2

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Don Koonce

Storyteller

“Keeping Your Values During Disaster”

While many of today’s leaders have abandoned their values during hard times, there are a few shining examples of walking tall through the storms. Hear the amazing stories of two organizations from the Midwest, a private college and a major utility company. They stuck to the stuff, maintained their values, and provided the right model for what to do when the unimaginable happens.

L-4

Richard Fucci

Vice President and Program Director of Freedom’s Wings International

“Freedom Flights”

Soaring like a bird is a heady experience even for those who take for granted the ability to move through our mostly two dimensional world walking, running and climbing, all without need for special devices or support. Now imagine the contrast that soaring provides for those dependent upon crutches or wheelchairs. This freedom from earthly bonds is what Freedom’s Wings International provides to individuals with disabilities.

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L-10

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“Leadership: Navigating the Space Between”

Leaders have to build bridges between people, often people with different leadership styles. Missy will facilitate all participants through an easy to use model and prompt discussions about styles of leadership. Participants will learn to expand their lens of leadership and be more deliberate in their actions. Be prepared to be involved, or pick another session!

10:30 am

Arnold Hall Theater

United States Air Force Academy Band Performance

Morning Keynote: Phillis Foundation Moral Courage Lecture

Michael Josephson

Founder, the Josephson Institute of Ethics and CHARACTER COUNTS!

“How Citizenship Fits With Character”

Citizenship includes civic virtues and duties that prescribe how we ought to behave as part of a community. The good citizen

knows the laws and obeys them, but that's not all. One volunteers and stays informed on the issues of the day, the better to execute one's duties and privileges as a member of a self-governing democratic society. One does more than their "fair" share to make society work, now and for future generations. Such a commitment to the public sphere can have many expressions. The good citizen gives more than one takes.

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Motivational Speaker and Founding Member of The CancerClimber Association

"Keep Climbing: Climb Your Personal Everest"

After traversing crevasses thousands of feet deep, surviving hurricane-force winds and losing a fellow climber along the way, Sean is the first cancer survivor to summit Mt. Everest. Complete with a dynamic audiovisual presentation capturing the essence of Everest, Sean will take you through a journey of life's tragedies and excitement with a relentless attitude. With the addition of completion of the 7-Summits, you will leave with a better appreciation for the fragility of life and a resilient attitude to conquer anything.

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Founder and President of Paradox Sports; China Foreign Area Officer, United States Army

“Post Traumatic Growth: A Life Story of Resiliency and Perseverance”

All of us throughout life’s journey experience some type of setback or traumatic event. Some of these events result in a permanent change, physically or mentally. How is it that some of us overcome such obstacles with resiliency and perseverance while others never fully recover? Listen to Skelton’s powerful message on how he believes we all have the ability to overcome any hurdle or traumatic event. His story is one that motivates and inspires people from all over the world to pursue their dreams and achieve their limitless potential.

11:45 am

Closing Luncheon

Arnold Hall Ballroom

United States Air Force Academy Band Performance

Lieutenant General (Retired) Ervin J. Rokke, Ph.D.

Chair for Character and Leadership Development, United States Air Force Academy

“Impassioned Citizenship: Can One Make A Difference?”

Dr. Rokke will inspire each of us to make a positive impact in our world, nation, state, universities, and communities. He will draw from several presentations made by other NCLS speakers as he concludes the symposium with a challenge for us all.

Sunday, February 24

6:15 am

Ski Outing With Kristen Ulmer (Reservations and Payment Required)

Keystone Resort, Colorado

This event departs from the base of the Core Values Ramp and Rampart Lodge.

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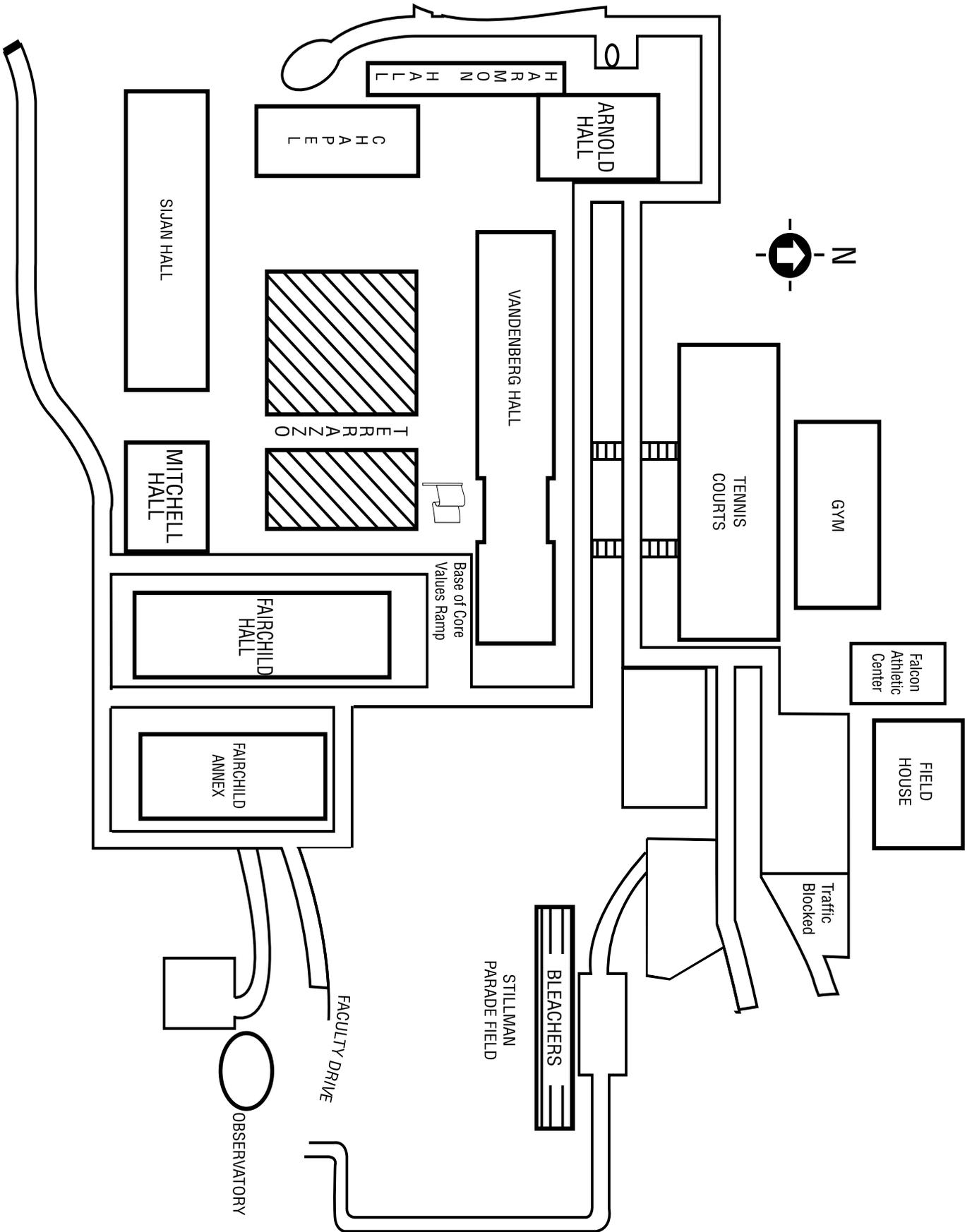
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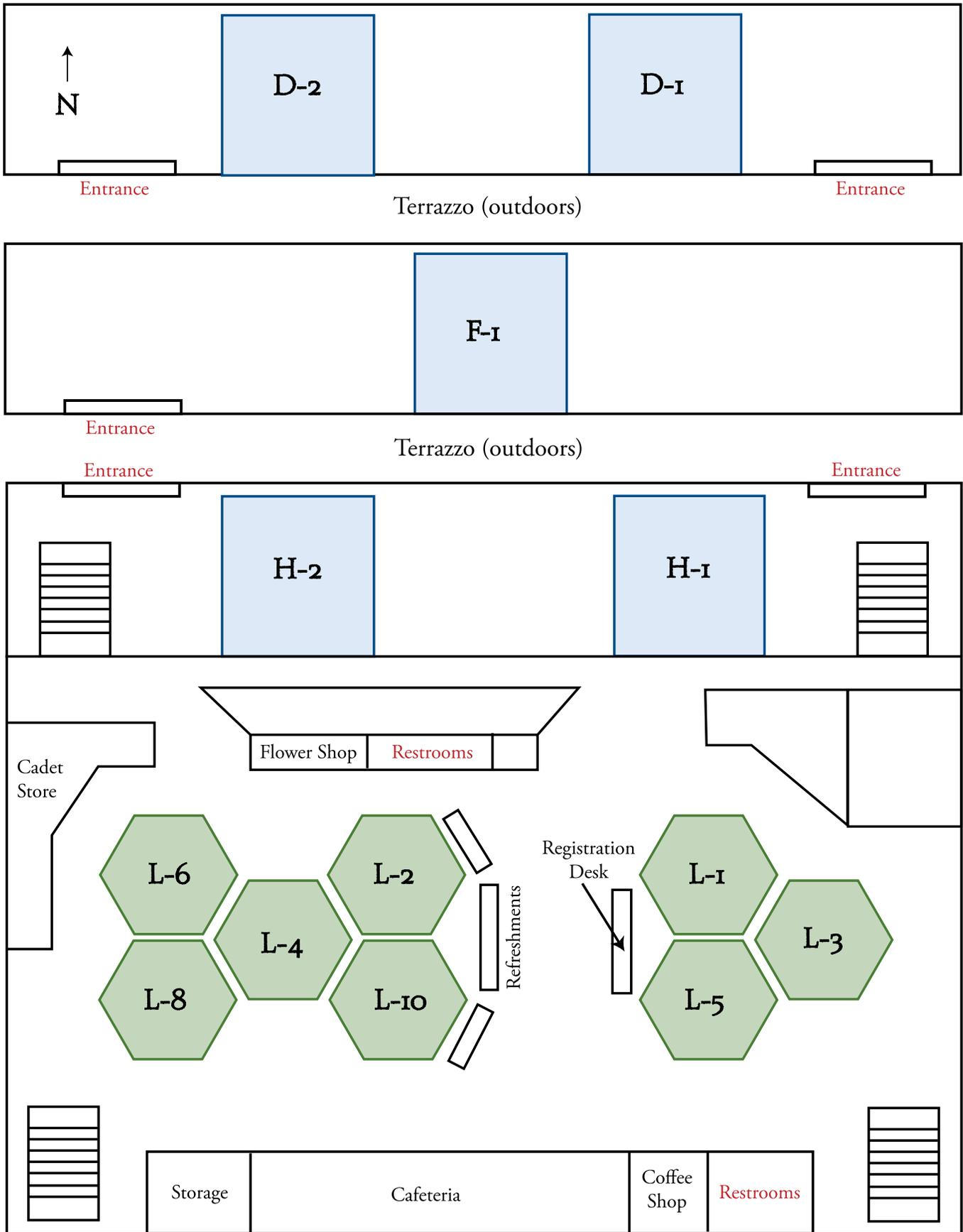
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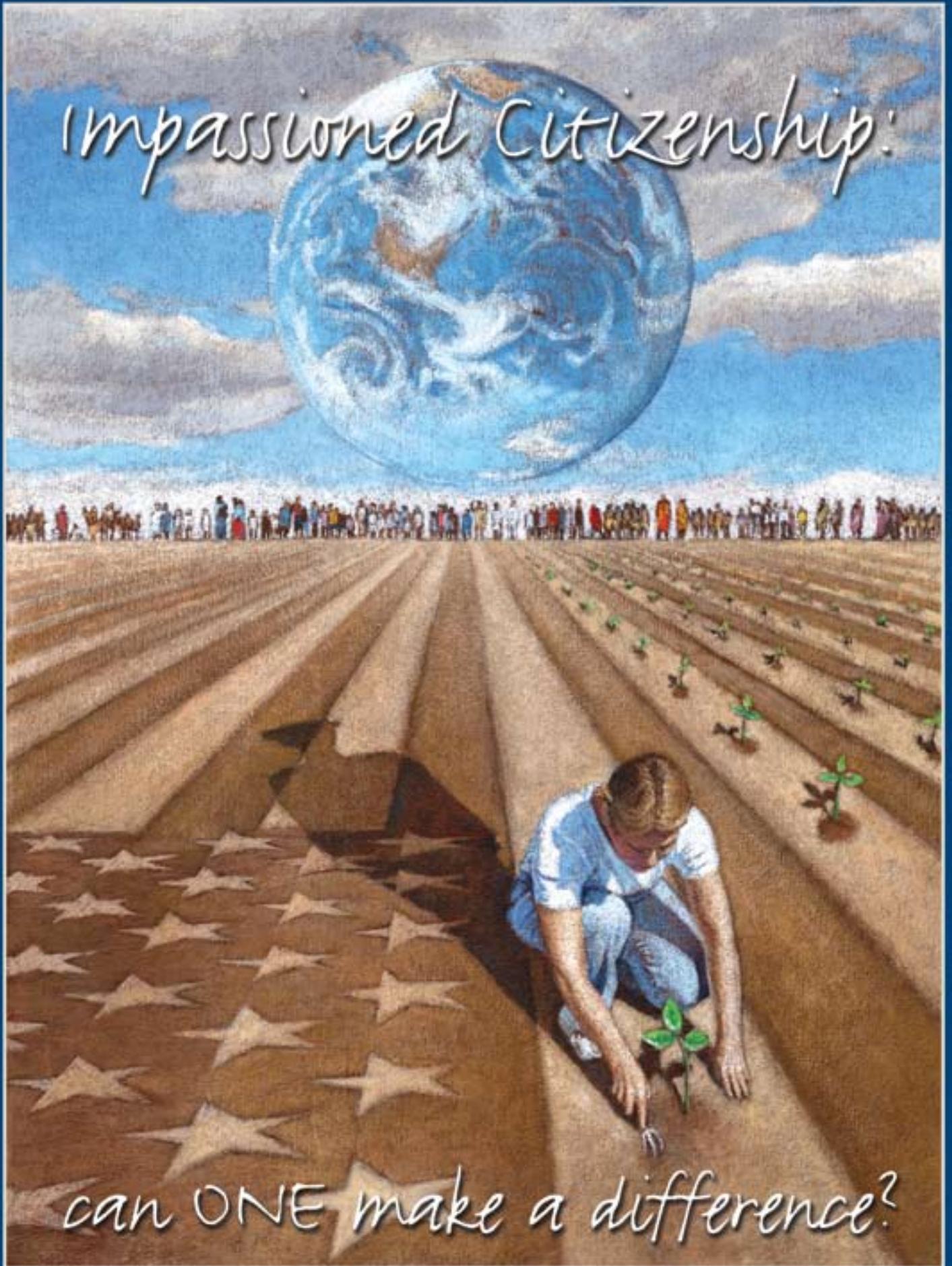
Map of USAFA Cadet Area



Map of Fairchild Hall Venues



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